THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) It is a fact that there have been delays in some cases in attending to the complaints of the residents. The main reason for the same was the work-to-rule agitation of the Junior Engineers in the CPWD and their strike because of which some difficulties were faced with regard to drawal of material from the stores.

(c) The Junior Engineers' strike has been called off and the normal working at Enquiry Offices is likely to be resumed soon. In view of this, the remaining complaints of the allottees will also be attended to shortly.

Unauthorised occupation of Govt land by vegetable vendors of Anaj Mandi Shahdara, Delhi

4162. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the vegetable vendors of Anaj Mandi Shahdara, Delhi had been allotted alternative sites in the recent past;

(b) whether Government are aware that they have again encroached on the Government land in that area; and

(c) if so, what measures Government propose to take to send them back to their allotted sites?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c) Alternative sites to vegetable vendors of Anaj Mandi Shahdara were allotted during the year 1967-68 and they have not encroached on the Government land again. However, some other vegetable vendors have encroached upon Govt. land and as per the orders of the Lt. Governor of Delhi fresh Tehbazari receipts were issued to them on 23-12-1982.

Consultancy fee charged by NDDB from Mother Dairy

4163. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Dairy Development Board has been created by Government and has been receiving massive grants/loans/gifts from India and abroad under various projects;

(b) whether it is a fact that since 1977 or so the NDDB started charging regular consultancy fee from the Mother Dairy, Delhi without any clearance from Government;

(c) whether Government have so far regularised payment of this unauthorised fee; and

(d) whether the accounts of the Mother Dairy are being audited by the Comptroller and Auditor General, if so, the details of the last three years audit report, if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the NDDB has failed to render accounts of funds transferred to it by the Indian Dairy Corporation; and

(f) whether the Indian Dairy Corporatiton/NDDB have a common life long non official Chairman and if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) to (f) The National Dairy Development Board was set up in 1965 by the Government of India as a registered society. Information in respect of the other points raised in the Question is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

High prices charged by NAFED

4164. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether prices of essential commodities like pulses, rice, spices, edible oils,

dry fruits etc. sold by the NAFED from their depots/stores to the consumers are higher than that of the open market;

(b) if so, the details regarding procurement price of each commodity and also handling charges on each items and the retails prices charged by NAFED from the consumers, separately, during the three years;

(c) the factors responsible for higher prices charged by the NAFED;

(d) whether the NAFED had imported commodities to meet the demand of the consumers and if so, the details thereof with the c.i.f. price together with the names of countries during the last three years;

(e) whetheer rampant wastage and corruption in the NAFED has resulted in increase of its handling charges etc.; and

(f) if so, the number of compiaints received against malpractices by the NAFED employees in procurement and distribution of various items of daily consumption and the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) to (f) The National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd. (NAFED) is the national appex of Marketing Cooperatives. It has been established to organise, promote and develop marketing/processing and storage of agricultural produce among others. In its marketing operations, it procures agricultural commodities directly from farmers and their cooperatives and assists in increasing returns to them. It also acts as a public agency for distribution of prescribed scarce agricultural commodities at reasonable price to protect consumer's interest.

NAFED adopts its own price policy relating to marketing and supply of items handled by it. It is usually competitive and favourable to farmers as well as consumers. In fixing the prices, no doubt, quality of goods supplied is given weightage.

NAFED does not have a chain of retail outlets in the country as the distribution of consumer goods is not its primary objective. It has, however, set up two retail outlets basically to meet the requirements of its own employees at Lawrance Road, and of Government employees in Krishi Bhavan. The latest rates of various items referred to in the Question and sold in its retail outlets, as also the market rates as published in some dairies is given in the Statement (*See* below) In view of the information given, part (c) of the Question does not airse.

NAFED has not imported items of day-to-day consumption which are distributed through its retail outlets except 'almonds' which was imported in 1986-87 on *ad-hoc* basis for limited retail sale.

No instances regarding the points raised in parts (e) and (f) of the Question have come to light; hence, the questions do not arise.

Statement

Open Market Rate on 24th August, 1987

Rate per Kg. (in Rs.) as on 24-8-87

Sl. No.	Commodity	Nafed's rate per kg.	Open market rate
	RICE		
1.	Fine Rice	7.00	12--17.00
2.	Permal	4.60	5-6.50

Sl. No.	Commodity	Nafed's rate per kg.	Open market rate
	PULSES		
3.	Arhar Dal	10 60	10—12 00
4.	Gram	5.80	6—6 50
5.	Gramdal	5.90	6 50—7 00
6.	Moong Whole	7 20	7.50—8.00
7.	Moong Chilka	7.50	7.50—8.00
8.	*Moong Washed*	*8.00*	*8 00—8.80*
9.	Malka	7.50	7 00—8 00
10.	Rajmah Red	9.00	10.00-11.00
11.	Rajmah Chitra	8.50	8.50—9.00
12.	Urad	7 20	7.00—7 50
13.	Wrad Chilka	8 40	8 00—8 80
14.	Urad Wahsed	7 50	7.50—8.80
15.	Kabli Chana	7 00	6 50—7 00
	SPICES		
16.	Turmeric Powder	*15 00*	*16 50*
17.	Red Chillies Powder	14 00	15.00
18.	Corriander Powder	26 00	26 00—27. 00
19.	Tata Salt	1.70	1.70
	OIL		
20.	Mustard Oil (Kachi Ghani)	33.80 (NAFED BRAND)	35 00
21.	Groundnut Oil	36.60 (Rashmi Brand of GROFED)	33.38

Jurala Irrigation Project in Andhra Pradesh

4165. DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) when the proposals for clearance of Jurala Irrigation Project in Andhra Pradesh were submitted to the Government; and

(b) what are the difficulties in giving clearance to this major project?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI G. S. DHILLON): (a) The updated Project Report was received in March, 1986.

(b) The Government of Andhra Pradesh is to establish techno-economic feasibility and settle the cost of acquisition and rehabilitation etc. in consultation with Government of Karnataka. The clearance from the environmental angle and under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 is also to be obtained.